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**TODAY'S WEATHER:** Moderate or fresh Easterly winds, cloudy, cold; fog patches.  
Barometer: 30.15 mbs., 30.02 in.  
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## Extra Rations For Christmas

London, Dec. 21.—Britons will get a slight addition to their tightly rationed diet for Christmas.  
The Ministry of Food has allocated an extra half pound of sugar, a quarter pound of fat, and two ounces of candy for each ration book holder. Normal weekly rations are a half pound of sugar, two ounces of fat and three ounces of candy.  
A small amount of non-rationed meat loaf and sausage has been added to butchers' normal supplies.  
—Associated Press.

## Abdullah Appoints New Mufti

Amman, Dec. 21.—In an apparent effort to undermine the Gaza Palestine Government, King Abdullah of Transjordan today appointed a new Grand Mufti of Jerusalem to replace Hajj Amin el Husseini.  
In a message to his Prime Minister, the King said he had appointed Sheikh Kiam Eddin Jarallah as the new Mufti.  
King Abdullah declared that the present Mufti, who was appointed by Britain in 1929, had absented himself too long from Jerusalem and interfered with matters inconsistent with religious duties.  
The present Mufti is one of the main supporters of the Gaza-Arab government set up in the Negev under Egyptian sponsorship and opposed to King Abdullah's policy of uniting Palestine and Transjordan under his own crown.  
During the war years, Amin el Husseini supported the Nazis and visited several Axis countries.  
The new Mufti is a tall, white bearded former chief justice of Transjordan and a former head of Palestine's Moslem court. He now lives in Jericho, a refugee from the new city of Jerusalem where his home stood formerly. He now plans to set up his headquarters in the Jerusalem area.  
The King appointed him directly without the approval of the Moslem Council owing to the unsettled war conditions.  
—Associated Press.

## HONGKONG AIR DISASTER Mr Quentin Roosevelt One Of The Victims

### CNAC'S VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr Quentin Roosevelt, Vice-President of CNAC was one of the passengers who lost his life in the air disaster a few miles outside of Hongkong yesterday afternoon.

Mr Roosevelt was a grandson of the late United States President Theodore Roosevelt, and son of the late Brig-General Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. He had been in China about a year, reports Associated Press. His wife and three daughters are in Shanghai.

According to a Reuter report from Shanghai, an official of CNAC said there were 28 passengers and a crew of seven aboard the Skymaster which crashed on Basalt Island, about 10 miles from Kai Tak.

Among distinguished persons reported to have been on the plane were Dr Peng Hsueh-pai, former Minister of Information, and Mr Peng Yu-cheng, Director of the Central News Agency in Shanghai.

Police spent this morning removing bodies strewn around the scene of the crash.

The local office of CNAC today listed the following passengers aboard their Skymaster which crashed at Basalt Island:

Wang Hu Chih-nuen; Wang Wen-hsi, Chiao Kuo-hwa, Chen Yi, Han Ming-yi; Lo Liang-kam, Wat Sui; Wat Man; Fang Pei-lam; Quentin Roosevelt; Chiang Cho-feng; Hsu Chan-kwok; Wu Ching-an; Wu Chu Chin-chun; Wu Chu Yau-chun; Liao Teh-chuen; Chen Tung Suk-fen; Yung Yu-jen; Feng Yau-chien; Peng Hao-hsu; Wang Muk-chung; Chang Shou; Chen Shih-chiao; Shen Shih-nien; Yang Mel-lam; Chen Tao Wei-shen; Lo Shiao-fen; Lu Ti-ti.

## Indonesians Not Likely To Hold Jogjakarta

Paris, Dec. 21.—Indonesian Republican forces do not expect to be able to hold Jogjakarta, the Republican capital of Java reported recaptured from the Dutch, Mr Soedjatmoko, the spokesman for the Indonesian delegation here, told a press conference today.  
"We just have not got the equipment," he said.  
"After the first shock of surprise, our people were able to drive out the paratroopers and airborne troops before they could be reinforced by an armoured spearhead," Mr Soedjatmoko added.

"Fighting will, in any event, be of a very protracted nature. It will not only be restricted to Republican territory but will go on in Dutch-held territory, too," he added.  
He told the conference that the delegation would ask the Security Council to approve these three points:

- 1.—A cease fire order in Indonesia.
- 2.—An order for the withdrawal of troops to the positions held under the past year's Dutch-Indonesian truce.
- 3.—The release of the Indonesian Republican leaders held by the Dutch.

Mr Soedjatmoko said the Indonesian Republic would not ask for sanctions against the Dutch unless these points were ordered by the Security Council and afterwards disobeyed.

**MAY ASK FOR HELP**  
He told questioners that it was "possible" that Indonesian military leaders had appealed to the Arab League for help. He said four nations represented on the Security Council had recognised the Provisional Government of the Indonesian Republic—the United States, Britain, Russia and Syria.

It was not sure whether the Ukraine had done so. The six remaining members who had not recognised the Republic were China, France, Belgium, Argentina, Colombia and Canada.  
A semi-official source said in Batavia today that all members of the Good Offices Committee stationed at Kallurang, a Java town occupied by Dutch forces, are safe in Jogjakarta.

An Australian and a Belgian member of the Committee were at Kallurang when the fighting began. Indonesian Republican sources in Paris claimed today the recapture of Jogjakarta by Indonesian forces. The spokesman quoted the Republican Radio for the report and said that rebellion had broken out against the Dutch in both East and West Java.

**RESISTANCE CENTRES**  
The main resistance centres of the Indonesian Republic were in Buitenzorg, 30 miles from Batavia, in the west, and Bandung, and the port area of Probolinggo, in the east.  
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## Dead For 48 Hours

Pescara, Dec. 21.—An Italian, 48-year-old Vincenzo Filoteo, certified dead 48 hours before and about to be buried, sat up at his funeral today and then collapsed at the sight of the coffin and candles.  
Some mourners fied in panic. Filoteo was found apparently dead in a lonely mountain farmhouse near Pescara.  
After a massage and medical attention, he joined the doctor and mourners at what was to have been his funeral breakfast. Filoteo said that he dreamt he was going through a beautiful garden to the gate of Paradise, but an unknown person turned him away.—Reuter.

## China Aid Programme Suspended

### Mr Paul Hoffman's Bombshell

Washington, Dec. 21.—His survey of the situation in China had resulted in the suspension of the \$70 million reconstruction programme, Mr Paul G. Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, said today.

He said his decision was made after conferring in Shanghai with Mr Roger Lapham, the aid administrator in China. The reconstruction programme would be "held in suspense" until the situation in China is clarified.  
After conferring with President Truman, today, Mr Hoffman told newspapermen that all construction work and most of the engineering surveys in China would be stopped under this decision.

Engineering surveys would continue on projects where they were nearly completed. Among these were a power plant in Formosa, some railway rehabilitation in Southern China, and work on the piers at Tsingtau, where the United States Navy has a base.

### RELIEF TO CONTINUE

Mr Hoffman said about \$1,000,000 was involved in the reconstruction engineering surveys and he expected several hundred thousand dollars would ultimately be saved through his decision to stop the programme for the present.  
The distribution of relief would continue in the five Chinese cities in which the Economic Co-operation Administration was now operating, even if those cities fell to the Communist Government.  
These conditions were the safety of ECA personnel and full publicity that the aid originated in the United States.

He made no comment on the Dutch military action in Indonesia or on the Indonesian request that Marshall aid to Holland be withheld until the United Nations sponsored truce was re-established.

**FLUID SITUATION**  
Mr Hoffman did not know how much aid funds would be requested for China in the future. "The situation is so fluid and so full of uncertainties, the trouble is that if we do anything at all, we shall request a deficiency appropriation to carry us through to June 30, 1949, with no further requests until the situation in China becomes much clearer," he said.

Mr Hoffman said that in Korea he found "a group of officials who are quite determined to make Korea a bastion of democracy."  
"I found a people who are longing for liberty for the first time in years and who are determined to hold on to it."

The southern Koreans were "indefinitely better off" than those under Communist control in the north. They had expected to become land owners when the big estates were broken up but now found themselves working for the Government.—Reuter.

## Aides-de-Camp To King

London, Dec. 21.—The King has approved the appointments of the following officers to be his Aides-de-Camp: The London Gazette announced today Brigadier (Temporary) Major-General Thomas John Willoughby-Winsterton, CBE, with effect from October 27 last, vice Major-General Evan A.B. Miller, DSO, MC, promoted substantive Major-General; Colonel (Temporary Brigadier) Edward N. Croxall, CBE, MC, with effect from November 1 last, vice Colonel the Hon. Major-General Fendall, CBE, DSO, MC, with effect from October 27 last, vice Major-General Evan A.B. Miller, DSO, MC, promoted substantive Major-General; Colonel (Temporary Brigadier) Edward N. Croxall, CBE, MC, with effect from November 1 last, vice Colonel the Hon. Major-General Fendall, CBE, DSO, MC, with effect from October 27 last, vice Major-General Evan A.B. Miller, DSO, MC, promoted substantive Major-General; Colonel (Temporary Brigadier) Edward N. Croxall, CBE, MC, with effect from November 1 last, vice Colonel the Hon. 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By ALICE ALDEN

THE majority of the leading American singers are not only splendid artists, but they are beautiful as well. And as if the gods had not been generous enough, they are endowed with a fine sense of fashion, adapting current modes to their highly individual types, and creating new fashion trends. Mona Paulce, famous mezzo soprano opera and concert star, has started the vogue for printed silk jersey for evening. This Valerian Rybar model is of printed silk jersey made with a matching stole. Its clinging quality is offset by draped fullness and the fabric is cleverly handled. This would be just nice for your Christmas ball.

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# WOMANSENSE

## "Mother, Is Santa Claus Real?"

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

SANTA Claus fits into the imaginary world of the child under five or six. It does so fit if the child's imagination has been appreciated by his parents. If he has heard lots and lots of stories of fantasy and if the yarns he has made up himself are enjoyed by his parents. Besides, all the usual experiences surrounding the Santa Claus myth afford young children no end of creative fun.

Of course, younger children play with other children who may delight in disillusioning the younger. As a result, some children, even before five or six, may begin to "doubt" about Santa Claus and to ask all sorts of questions about him. The mother of two children, four and two, once asked me:

"Do you have an explanation of Santa Claus when a child begins to have doubts? I want always to be completely honest with my children and yet it's hard to know just how far to go sometimes and still not shatter any illusions."

I think that even her older child has doubts about Santa Claus unduly early. Though he should ask if Santa Claus is a real person, a mother should not be too quick to say he is not but talk of him as one talks of fairies and brownies. Then if one goes on pretending there is a Santa Claus the child will almost surely continue to enjoy him for a few more years.

Child's Doubts

The moral harm that might come from Santa Claus could occur when parents try to force Santa Claus upon children six, seven or older in the face of these youngsters' doubts. Even when such is done, there comes a time when the parents should say to the child, "We have just been pretending there is a Santa Claus. If the matter is a matter of fact, without any such 'pretense' to the child by his parents, he may feel his parents have not been quite fair with him. They may, indeed, think so anyway, in case they had pressed the matter when the child was unduly old."

When our own children were little we participated with them in the Santa Claus myth. When the eldest was nearly six he asked the pointed question: "Is Santa Claus a real person?" We vainly replied that he is not but that we were just pretending he is. Then we kept on pretending he is, enjoying doing so for a few more years. When each older child in turn was asked if the baby sister or brother should be "told," he answered with much feeling: "Oh, no!" Always the older enjoyed taking part with the younger in the Santa Claus myth until the youngest was around six.

Enjoyed Santa Claus

Each of our three children is now a parent of young children ranging

### Bug Barometer Says Hard Winter Ahead

Bangs Corners, O.—The operator of a "bug barometer," predicts that the coming winter will be a tough one.

Miss Eunice Merion, who outdoes the weather bureau for confident long-range forecasts, says nature already has put up the storm signals.

"The woolly caterpillars are dark from stem to stern," she says. Hornets have triple-insulated their gray paper nests. Many wasps are sealing twice as many live spiders in the mud incubator tubes to feed their babies when they hatch."

For Miss Merion, those and other portents spell out a cold, dark and long winter.

She's been seeing slate-gray caterpillars for the first time since 1917, and the winter "things frozen" are in November and there never was a thaw till February.

If you have invited holiday house guests, don't wait until the last moment to get at that guest room whether it be a room specially dedicated to the purpose, or the extra room that has to be transformed into a sleeping chamber. See to it that the bed equipment is in order, that the pillows are not lumpy, that there is an adequate supply of blankets. Have extra towels at hand. See to it that there are fresh bulbs in the lamps, and that bureau and night table drawers are freshly polished.

For that touch that spells "welcome," have crisp clean curtains at the window and freshly laundered scarves on dressing table or bureau, or, if it is that kind of a table, see to it that it is clean and shiny and not bedraggled.

Current Magazines

Clean out old magazines, and place some current issues in their place. If there is a writing table, have all items in order, including a few extra holiday greeting cards and envelopes, a most thoughtful touch, if your guest has overlooked ready for the journey.

If there is a bedside clock, see to it that it works, otherwise discard it. Have at hand a lamp switch, and have to tell you what happens.

In ages from 9 years to 6 months, in groups of 4, 3, 2. All these children have enjoyed Santa Claus, the eldest in each group being treated about as their parents were treated, when doubts began to arise.

A good way to help in gradual disillusionment is for parents, even with the child three or four, to have a few gifts under the Christmas tree not marked from Santa Claus but from some real, familiar person. Some persons suppose we can force Santa Claus on the older child by thinking of the spirit of Santa Claus. But when the youngster begins to doubt he hardly is ready to think so abstractly. He wants to know about the eyes, nose, whiskers, voice, flesh and blood of Santa Claus. After this is settled he may be ready to consider the spirit of Santa Claus.

## Cinderella And The Pumpkin Pie

By ALICE DENHOFF

PAUSE not at pie when you put pumpkins to pleasing palates. After all, Cinderella rode to rapture via the pumpkin route, and, who knows, your hungry hordes may reach the same destination when they emulate Peter and turn pumpkin-eaters!

Here are some delicious pumpkin dishes. First, if you want to prepare your own pumpkin, scrub it cut in quarters, scoop out seeds and stringy portions. Pare pumpkin; cut in pieces. Cover with boiling, salted water; cover. Boil 20 to 30 min. Drain; mash well or press through ricer.

For something delicious and different, serve up a batch of pumpkin muffins. To prepare 12 large muffins, sift together one c. flour, 1/2 tsp. phosphate-type baking powder, 1/2 tsp. baking soda, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg; add one c. yellow corn meal. Beat 2 eggs; add one c. milk. Add egg mixture to dry ingredients, then stir in 1/2 c. cooked or tinned pumpkin, 1/2 c. molasses and 1/2 c. melted shortening. Fill greased muffin pans 2/3 full. Bake in hot oven (400 F.) 25 min.

Pumpkin Custard

Non-dieters will glow with joy when confronted with a rich pumpkin custard, so don't serve them when the reducers are around! To serve 6 combine 1/2 c. sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. ginger, 1/2 tsp. cinnamon, 1/2 tsp. nutmeg and 1/2 tsp. cinnamon. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until hot. Soften 1/2 c. unflavored gelatin in 1/2 c. cold water, add to hot mixture. Stir until gelatin is dissolved; chill until slightly thickened. Beat 3 egg whites; add 1/2 c. sugar, beating constantly; fold into pumpkin mixture. Pour into crust; chill until firm.

A Brazil nut crust with a pumpkin-chiffon filling is real Christmas fare.

Making Filling

To prepare filling, separate 3 eggs, beat yolks; add 1/2 c. sugar, 1/2 c. tinned or cooked pumpkin, 1/3 c. milk, 1/2 tsp. each salt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until hot. Soften 1/2 c. unflavored gelatin in 1/2 c. cold water, add to hot mixture. Stir until gelatin is dissolved; chill until slightly thickened. Beat 3 egg whites; add 1/2 c. sugar, beating constantly; fold into pumpkin mixture. Pour into crust; chill until firm.

To prepare crust combine 1/4 c. finely chopped Brazil nuts, 1/4 c. finely crushed corn flakes and 1/4 c. sugar. Blend in 1/3 c. melted table fat. Press mixture firmly against bottom and sides of 9-inch pie plate; chill.

## FIXING UP THE GUEST ROOM

By ELEANOR ROSS

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## Cold Weather Complexion Aid



A good beauty trick is to follow your nightly face washing with an application of a good freshener lotion.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IS that golden glow of summer disappearing from your complexion? Let us hope that it is making a slow departure, that it is not going patchy. If it does, it is possible that one's face may be slightly piebald; and that is no laughing matter. You can help along this period of transition if you have a few moments to spare for a before-bedtime freshening treatment.

The skin is in a constant state of decay and renewal; dead scales fluff away, new ones are revealed. By stimulating this natural process you can be rid of your tan, if that is your desire. After the nightly face washing with a bland soap and thorough rinsing, dip a washcloth in warm water, hold close to the flesh. Repeat half a dozen times. Rinse form a pack the consistency of with cold water to bring a reaction of the blood streams, dry gently, apply a little cream. Follow by applying a good freshener lotion.

In the morning use cold water and, after a gentle drying, apply a lotion freshener.

Take three tablespoonsful of kaelin, mix with enough white hazel to form a pack the consistency of whipped cream. Apply to a clean skin surface. Pick up your mystery story and read until the mask begins to flake. Remove with warm water, use a little cream with light after a gentle drying, apply a lotion freshener.



## Let's Eat

BY

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## Gifts For A Friend's Kitchen

"H. Madame, shopping again!" exclaimed the Chef, as I stumbled into the kitchen juggling my bundles. "Let me help you."

In a moment the parcels were neatly arranged on the table, my coat was hung up on the back of the door, and the Chef was brewing a cup of tea.

"Quite an array of parcels," he remarked.

"Yes, I started early so I could complete my shopping list. It was quite a day, but worth it. These presents are different."

"Are they expensive, Madame?"

"For the kitchen."

"No, but I'm sure they will be very welcome in the homes of my friends. They're presents for the kitchen. For several older home-makers I've chosen sets of gay canisters—you know how they keep on using their old battered ones because it seems extravagant to throw them away. This sunny yellow set is for my old Aunt Susie to stand on her kitchen buffet, and I bought a set of yellow and white checked plastic cloth for her kitchen table. This apple-red set is for a friend in the country, who has decorated her kitchen with touches of red. Then for a friend who's recently gone to housekeeping again I bought this light-weight aluminum food chopper. She'll certainly like that!"

"I think a set of knives in a rack to hang up would be very nice also," suggested the Chef.

"That's just what I bought for a young couple who have a kitchenette. And I had a lot of small gadgets for little Christmas remembrances—cooking tongs, kitchen scissors, nylon pastry brushes, pastry cloth sets, and some paper towel racks with rolls of paper towels."

"And the oven mittens? Did you get some of those?"

"Yes, Chef, a set for kitchen use, and these asbestos mitts for my neighbors who like to cook in their fireplace."

"And what is in this tall parcel?" asked the Chef.

"That is for you for Christmas."

"Merci, Madame! Then with a shy grin: 'Shall we have a preview? If you like, it's your present.'"

High Bonnet

"Looks like it might hold a Chef's high bonnet," he said. Eagerly he untied the cord and unwrapped the box.

"Open it!" I urged.

He took off the cover, brought out the gift and admired it at arm's length for a moment. "Oh, Madame, a tall black silk hat! The dream of my life! I shall now be in the proper style to attend the Chefs."

Grand Ball of the Chefs.

He matched off his high bonnet and jauntily adjusted the shining black topper.

"It looks wonderful, Chef. Go look at yourself in the mirror."

He disappeared—and not a stroke of work was done in the kitchen the rest of the day.

Dinner

Pot-au-feu, a la Chef  
Tossed Green Salad, Crusty Rolls

Brazil Christmas Pudding

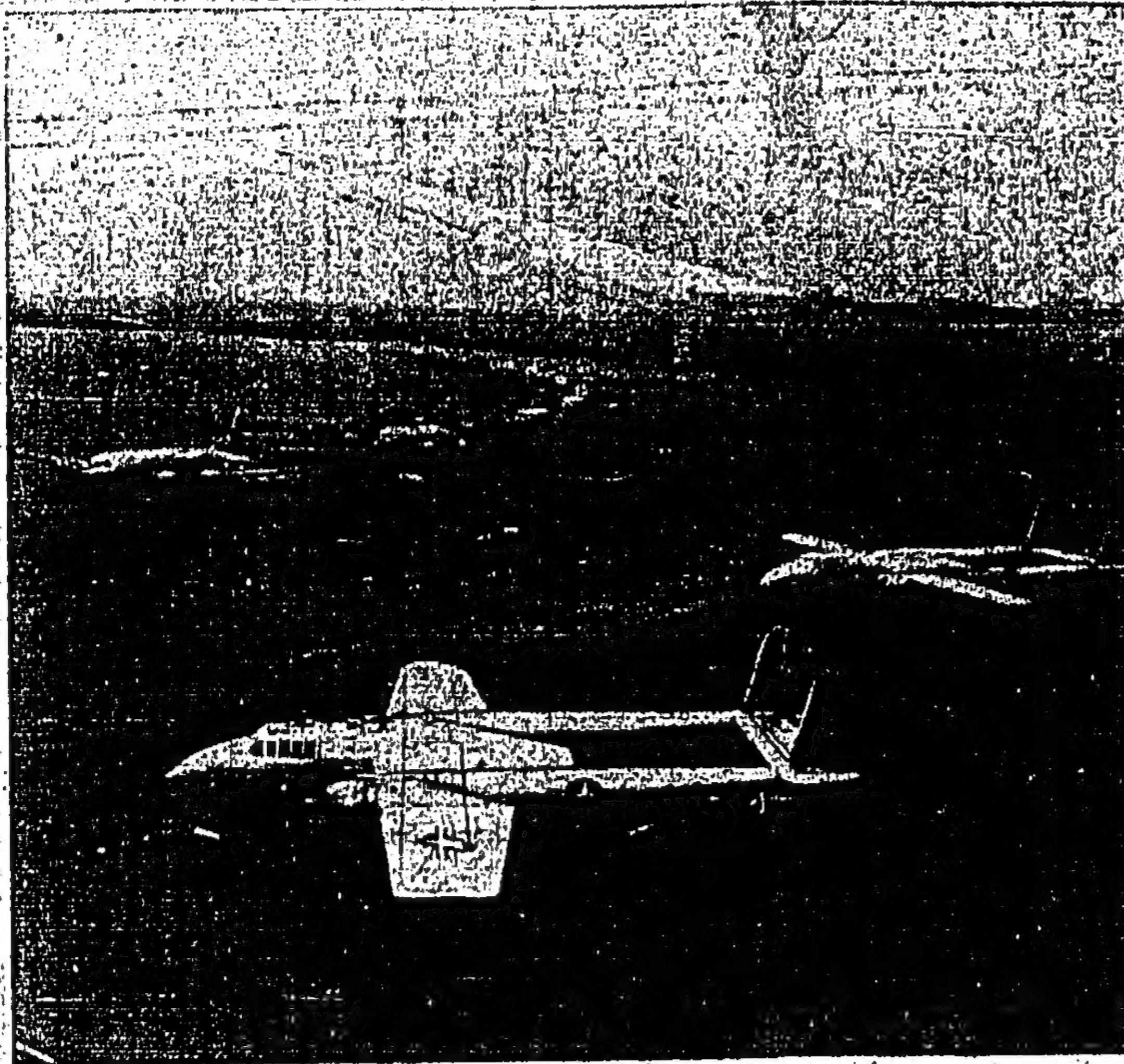
This is an uncooked pudding that calls for dried fruits. They should all be moist, that is not dried out. Combine 1 c. seedless raisins, 1 c. layer figs, 1 c. pitted dates, 1 c. dried apricots, 1/2 c. shredded coconut packed down, and 1/2 c. blanched Brazil nuts. Put through the food chopper twice. Place in a good-sized mixing bowl. Add 1/2 tsp. grated lemon rind, 3 tsp. grated orange rind, 1/2 c. light brown sugar packed down, 1 tsp. nutmeg, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. ginger, 3 tsp. lemon-juice and 4 tsp. orange juice. Knead with the hands until thoroughly blended. Line a 6" spring form pan with heavy waxed paper. Pack in the pudding mixture; cover tightly with waxed paper and put a plate on top. Let stand in the refrigerator at least 24 hrs. To serve, cut into very small wedges with a sharp knife; accompany with sweetened whipped cream, small servings of vanilla ice cream, butter pecan or any fruit ice cream, or with a sweetened citrus fruit cup mixture without waxed paper. This makes 12 small servings. It may be made two weeks in advance of serving if kept closely covered. Sprinkle with a little orange juice if the surface seems too dry.



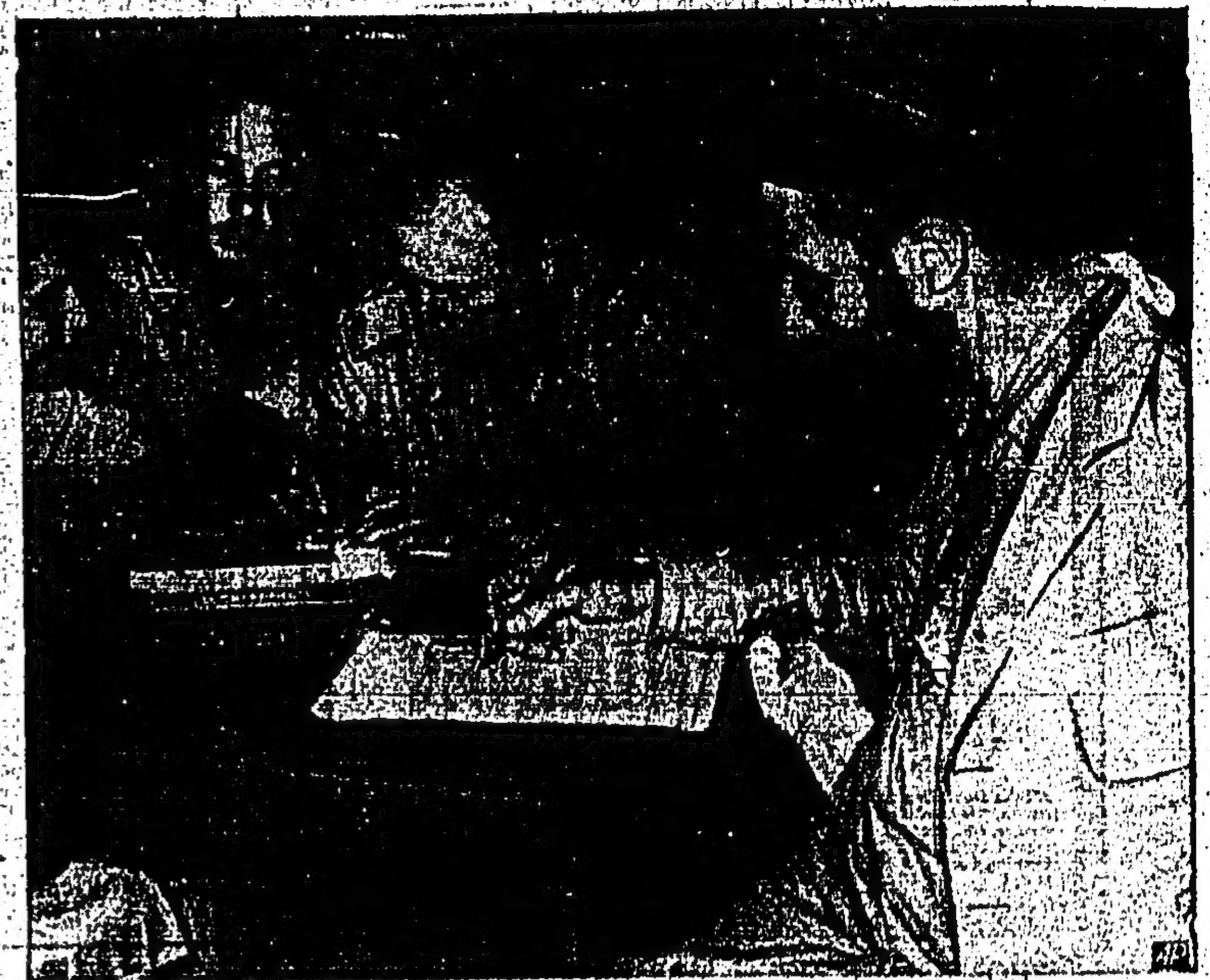
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**LOW CEILING**—Aircraft line up on the runway at Tempelhof Airfield in Berlin. Grounded by fog and rain for 17 hours, the ceiling lifted the following morning so that the airlift planes could resume their all-important work.



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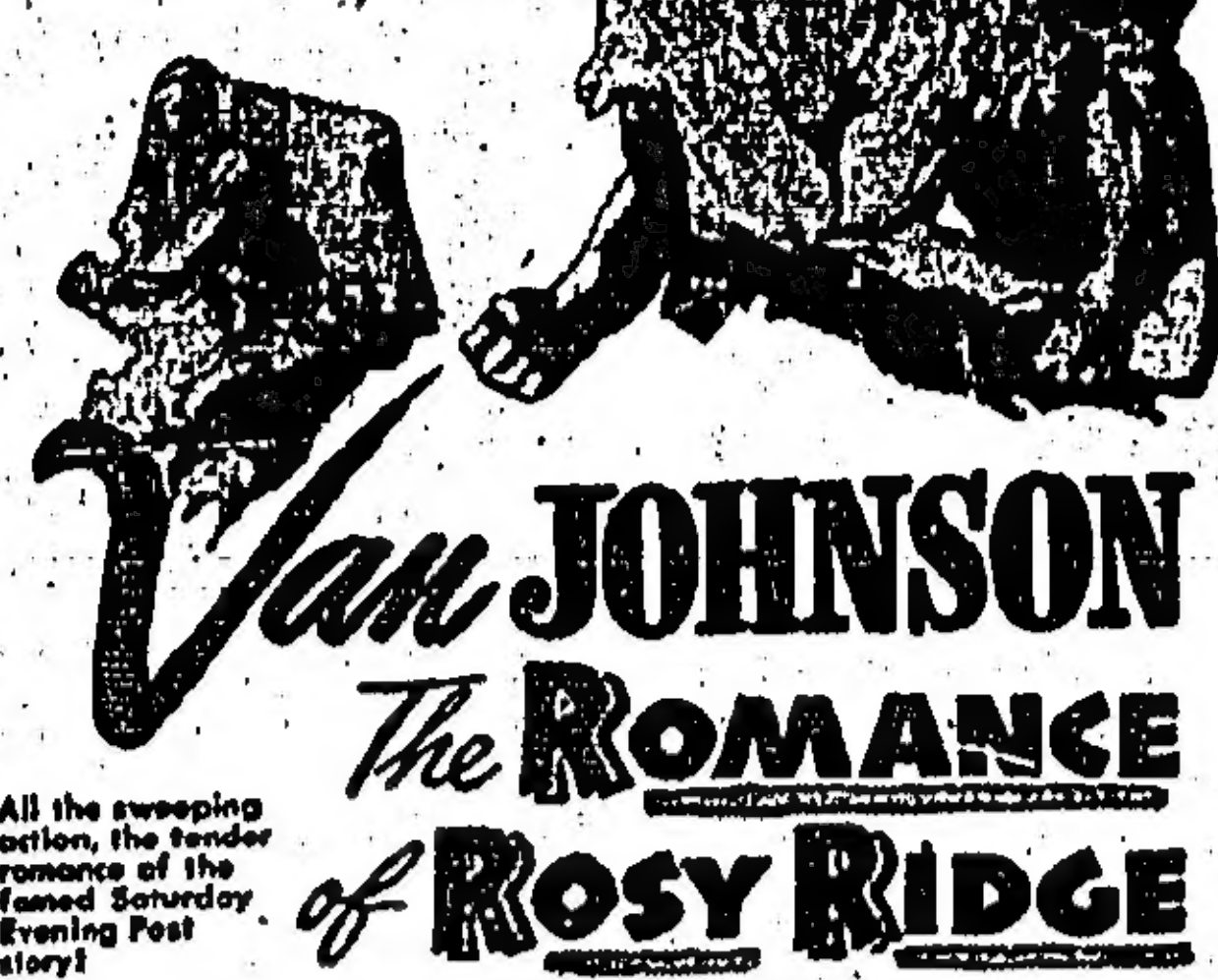
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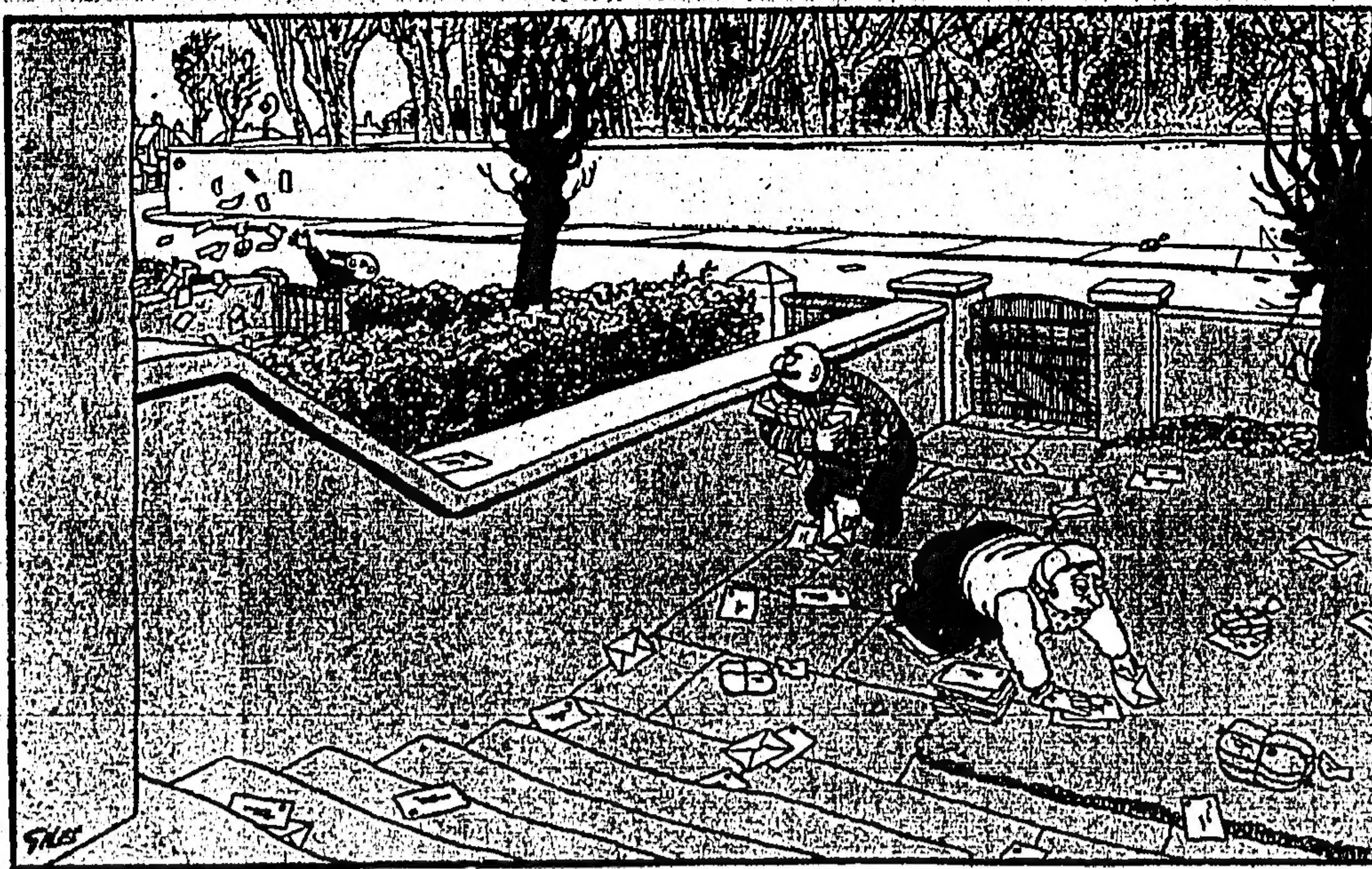
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"Why couldn't they wait till after Christmas before they told them about this no Christmas box business?"

## Sitting on the Fence.... by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL," said the Sweep, "only three more drinking days to Christmas."

"That's right," I said, "And not much to do it on, neither."

"No," said the Sweep, "a little austerity won't do you no harm."

"Nor you," I said, "Because we haven't got much to celebrate."

"We certainly haven't."

"Unless you want to drink the salt of little old Molotov."

"Not me," I said, "If you was a proper Christian you'd wish him a happy Christmas."

"I dare say he will."

"Oh, how could you say such a thing?" said his wife, fresh tears pouring down her cheeks. "You sound as if you wouldn't care."

"First of all you cry because you think you may live to see A.R.P. again," said the Sparrow, "then you set up a yell because you think you won't. Make up your mind what you want."

"It seems so awful with Christmas almost here. Something always seems to spoil my Christmas."

"If you think the Government held a special conference with the object of spoiling your Christmas," said the Sparrow, "you must be as crazy as the people who thought they arranged the frosts last winter."

"In fact," said the Sweep, "if they was capitalists they'd be multi-millionaires—if they ain't already."

"That's right."

"All the same," said the Sweep, "you don't want to get jealous about it."

"I ain't," I said, "I don't suppose you'll have such a bad Christmas."

"I don't suppose I shall."

"If you ave any luck you might get a bit of rabbit."

"I might."

"Though you'll ave to be careful about eatin the wife's bacon ration. I see you can get divorced for that."

"Go on?" I said, "Cor stuff me with little apples," said the Sweep, "what a country. You eat all the bacon in the wags and get rid of the old woman at the same time. And very nice too."

"Very nice."

"Well," said the Sweep, "Ere's all you wish yourself."

"Thank you."

"And the skin off your nose."

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"The same as I did last time."

"There may not be so much to drink."

"That," said the Sparrow, "has the earmarks of a dirty crack. I suppose you have forgotten I was fire-watcher at the Tree Tops Club?"

"A fat lot of fire watching you did," said his wife.

"I was on the reserve," said the Sparrow.

"And a fat lot of watching you'll do next time."

"I shan't get much of a chance next time," said the Sparrow, preparing to leave.

"One look at an atom bomb fire and you've had it."

"Where are you going now?"

"For an evening's training at my post," said the Sparrow, flying out of the Nest.

They are the people who sell tickets in the Christmas draws and raffles, the first prize usually being a turkey and a bottle of whisky they probably haven't got, and the last or consolation prize a bottle of poisonous port nobody wants to drink.

Anyway, I am assuming that they at least have the bottle of port in offer, though I doubt it.

Over the years I must have been hypnotised into buying hundreds of these tickets. Not once have I ever received a prize, not even the consolation prize.

Not once do I ever remember seeing the vendors of the tickets again until a week before the following Christmas.

This, I suppose, is because they are all one man in different disguises who has been hiding, living quietly on my money for a whole year.

But why is Christmas a little early this year? Why have the Christmas pigs been on the prowl before normal people have begun to think seriously of the dreadful business?

Why have the baby spivs been piping their carols before even the silliest woman has bought a Christmas card?

Why has Mr Bloodsucker, in his dreamy way, invented his usual Christmas lie about an income I have never had, and wasted the full effect of his demand-note bomb by letting me have it before Christmas Eve?

Why are the Christmas draw crooks, normally so clever at timing, trying to hypnotise their victims before they are dazed and weakened by the Christmas build-up and are ready to be hypnotised?

I can only think they are afraid the world will end before Christmas and are trying to cash in.

Little spivs who were asking you to remember the guy three weeks before November 5 began singing carols out of tune about December 1, no doubt with the idea of giving themselves enough time to work their districts thoroughly from end to end.

Otherwise insolent people began to call you sir and madam long before their normal time, which is ten or 12 days before Christmas.

And Mr Bloodsucker, the income-tax collector, has posted his dirty letters, which usually arrive on Christmas Eve with the Christmas cards like a bomb in a box of chocolates, a fortnight ahead of schedule. Mr B. has taken the Post Early slogan very much to heart.

A strange group of crooks who have never seen before and never notice till the spirit of good will hits them, have also made their appearance before their time.



## Happy Christmas

CHRISTMAS is a little early this year. Already dustmen have gone on strike because some of them were fired for Christmas-box cadging, shaming trade unionists everywhere and bringing blushes to the cheeks of idealists who had such passionate sympathy for the underdog.

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## Turning its attention to the Far East, Moscow is SOFT-PEDALLING IN THE WEST

By LEON DENNEN

CLOSE observers of Soviet foreign policy look for another radical shift in the Russian line soon, aimed at easing tension in Europe to permit the Kremlin to devote its full energies to the revolt-ridden Far East.

The Bucharest headquarters of the Cominform, according to a reliable report, instructed the French Politburo to soft-pedal a scheduled railroad strike. These instructions, also "urged" the Communist-controlled General Confederation of Labour to "liquidate as quickly as possible" the French miners' strike.

This order was signed by Matthias Rakosi, Hungarian vice-premier and the late Zhdanov's successor as chief of the Cominform, and a Russian named Yudin, said to be the Cominform secretary and Stalin's personal representative.

Troubles in Europe, on both sides of the iron curtain, and the ripe field for Communist expansion in Asia, seem to be the principal factors which are dictating a more conciliatory Russian attitude towards the Western powers.

The first indication of a policy shift came when Tass, the Soviet news agency, picked up a Washington rumour that President Truman would meet with Premier Stalin. The second move was made in Paris on November 23 when the Cominform's "peace conference," sponsored by the French Communist Party,

Another symptom of change is the alleged "disgrace" of Andrei Vyshinsky, the vociferous and belligerent spokesman for the Soviets at the UN meetings in Paris. Well-informed circles say that this exponent of the die-hard school of Russian politics will be removed from the first-string diplomatic line-up.

## TO BE REPLACED

He is scheduled to be replaced by Andrei Gromyko, who recently has been singled out for special honours by the Kremlin, with Foreign Minister Molotov again becoming the chief negotiator with the West. Gromyko is not expected to display a noticeably softer attitude. But the exiles of Vyshinsky, whose unsavoury reputation dates back to the Moscow purge trials and who has become obnoxious to many UN delegates, might in itself be interpreted as a peace gesture.

While Vyshinsky is not a member of the powerful Soviet Politburo, his eclipse would suggest that the "moderate" wing of that body is in the ascendancy. These so-called moderates believe that a Soviet peace gesture now, in the face of Communist victories in China, would thwart full-scale American military aid in Chiang Kai-shek.

The failure of the French mine strike, plus the de Gaulle party's gains at the expense of the Communists in the recent elections, undoubtedly strengthen the position of the Maurice Thorez-Jacques Duclos "moderate" group in the French Politburo. This is the group that opposed the strike.

It has always been Thorez's contention that the French Communists could fight the Marshall Plan more effectively from within the Cabinet. Now, because of the Gaullist threat to moderate political parties, particularly the M.R.P.—and Radical Socialists—would welcome the Communists' presence in a reshuffled Cabinet. The elder statesman Edouard Herriot is said to be the prime sponsor of secret negotiations towards this end, which have been taking place in Paris for some weeks.

## TITOIST HERESY

In the satellite countries and eastern Germany the Kremlin is still plagued by the "Titoist" heresy, in spite of wholesale purges. Recent developments in Yugoslavia lend strength to reports that Tito is planning to assemble a rival "Cominform International" in Belgrade. It would be made up of anti-Cominform Communist exiles from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Roumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. Tito recently boasted that Yugoslavia had become a haven for "real Communists" who refuse to follow the Cominform line.

The situation in Poland, also is troubling Moscow. Ever since Wladyslaw Gomulka was fired from his post of general secretary of the Polish Communist Party for "Piotlom," the Russians have been purging high officers of the Polish army. The Hungarian Colonel Revesz, an old M. V. D. hand and reputed chief of the "European Communist Partisan Detachments," has been assigned to this task.

All these things are portents of a shift in the party line. There is no doubt, for all the blood-curdling anti-capitalist speeches, by Marshal Timoshenko, Molotov and the aged dictator himself, that Moscow is going to adopt a milder tone towards the West, especially on the hot Berlin issue.

## Gone away

"ANGRY workers dashed from their benches shouting 'Spivs and 'Drones' when a fox-hunt ended in the grounds of the Rocket Propulsion Department. Westcott yesterday."—Daily Worker.

D'ye ken John Peel in his market grey?

D'ye ken John Peel at the break of day?

With his lorry load of pork he is far, far away,

With the spivs and the drones in the morning,

The toot of his horn woke me from my bed,

Where I dreamt of the pigs that I'd oft-times bred,

But J.P. was gone and my pigs all dead,

To be sold by the spivs in the morning.

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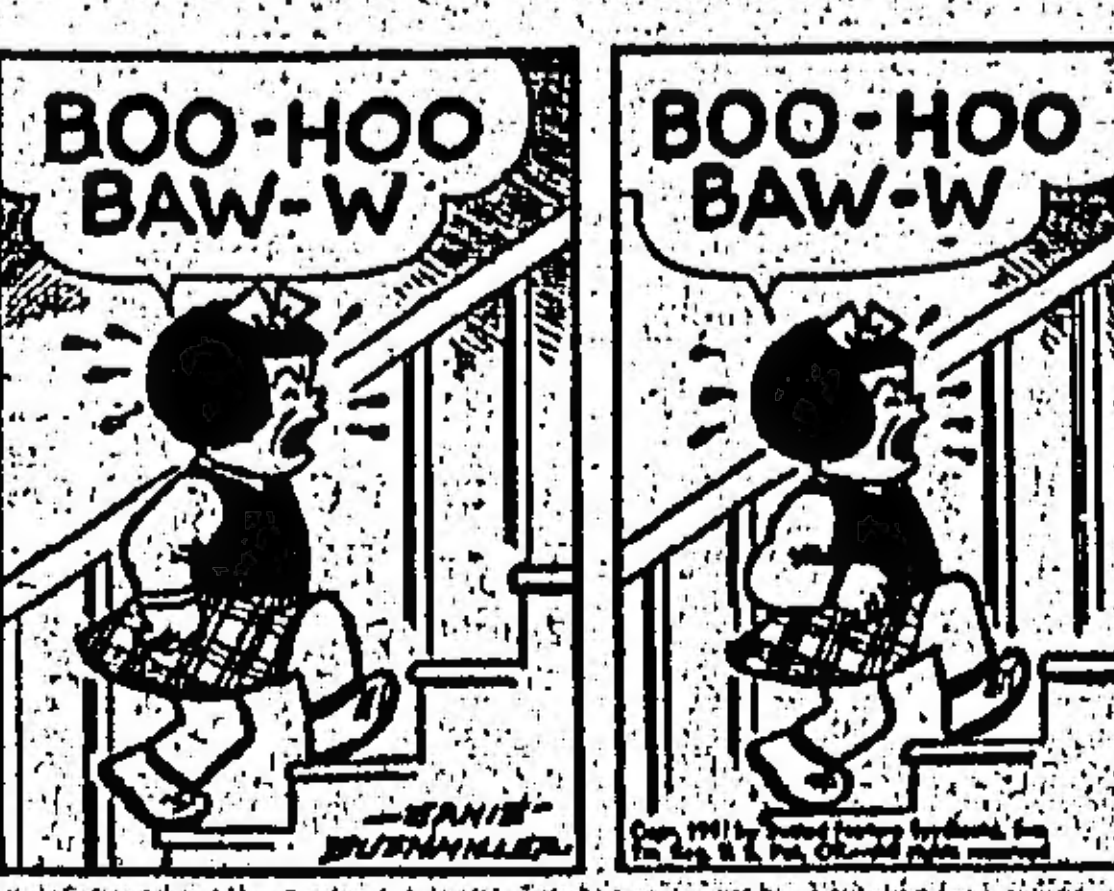
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# JUDGMENT FOR COWIE

## Former Police Officer's Appeal Successful

Judgment for Cowie was delivered by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, at the Full Court of Appeal this morning. Sitting with his Lordship was Mr Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge). The appellant was William Henry Cowie, ex-Sub-Inspector of the Hongkong Police Force, while the respondent was the Attorney-General, who was represented by Mr A. Lonsdale (Crown Counsel), instructed by Mr L. R. Andrewes (Crown Solicitor).

Mr Brook A. Bernacchi (instructed by Mr Y. H. Chan, of T'so and Hodgson) appeared for Cowie.

Judgment was given this morning on an application that an order of Mr Justice Gould (then Acting Puisne Judge) made on September 2, 1948, that the appellant was estopped from saying that he was not guilty of misconduct as set out in the Statement of Claim, be set aside, and in lieu thereof it may be ordered that the appellant was not so estopped.

It will be recalled that there was a hearing on September 14 as a result of which Mr Justice Gould held in favour of Cowie and ruled that Cowie might at the trial of the action prove there were breaches of natural justice at the proceedings before the Board of Inquiry.

Cowie had originally brought a claim for damages against the Hongkong Government for alleged breach of contract for wrongful dismissal. At the hearing, Crown Counsel, dealing with the right of the Government to dismiss Cowie, said that the defence was in fact a plea of *res judicata* (an issue that has been settled in a court).

Giving judgment, the Chief Justice said: "This is an appeal from a decision in an action brought by William Henry Cowie, formerly a Sub-Inspector of the Hongkong Police, against the Attorney-General, for damages for wrongful dismissal from his employment in the Hongkong Police Force."

The trial judge ordered that certain points of law should be set down for hearing and disposal before the trial of the issues of fact raised in the action and the particular point of law with which we are concerned in this appeal is raised by paragraph 4 of the amended Statement of Defence which reads as follows:

"4. The Defendant says that the Plaintiff ought not to be admitted to say that he was not guilty of misconduct as set out in paragraph 7 of the Statement of Claim because of the fact of the finding of the Board of Enquiry which is final as a matter judicially determined and not the subject of appeal."

This paragraph refers to paragraph 7 of the Statement of Claim which reads: "On 12th August, 1947, the Plaintiff was held by a Department Board of Enquiry to have committed the offence of conduct calculated to bring the public service into disrepute by whilst on duty receiving \$50.00 from Chan Yu Fung, a person with whom he had come into contact in the course of his duty requiring him to inspect vehicles, that they were in a roadworthy condition."

**LAW OF DISMISSAL**  
In order to appreciate the significance of these two paragraphs it is necessary to refer briefly to the law which related, at the time in question, to the dismissal from the Police Force of officers of Mr Cowie's rank. Section 16 of the Police Force Ordinance, 1932, provided that it should be lawful for the Governor, on the representation of the Inspector-General, to dismiss any subordinate police officer for any refusal or neglect of duty or insubordination or breach of discipline or misconduct or for any contravention of any of the provisions of the Ordinance or of any regulation or departmental order made thereunder.

Section 12 of the same Ordinance authorised the Inspector-General to make such regulations as he might consider necessary for the general government and discipline of the Force. Regulations were made under the latter section and were in force at the time of Mr Cowie's dismissal.

It is unnecessary to refer to these regulations in detail. In substance, they provide that when a complaint is made of a breach of discipline, the matter shall first be the subject of a preliminary investigation by the officer in charge of the division or branch under whose command the officer, against whom the complaint is made is employed.

If, as a result of this investigation, the Commissioner considers that a *prima facie* case is made out, he appoints a Board consisting of two gazetted officers to hold and conduct "a disciplinary enquiry." He also appoints an officer to present "the prosecution case."

The regulations go on to provide for the procedure of the Board and, particularly, provide for the taking of formal charges for the taking of the defendant's plea and, if the plea is "not guilty," for the right of the defendant to make his defence. Finally, the regulations provide that when a case is closed, the Board is to notify the defendant that the "verdict will be promulgated in due course."

The Board is to record "its findings on the charge or charges and forward the record to the Commissioner who is directed either to make his award or forward the record to the Governor through the Colonial Secretary."

**RES JUDICATA PLEA**  
The argument in the court below on the point of law under consideration was devoted entirely to the question of whether the Board's decision gave rise to a plea of *res judicata* and the learned judge held that it did so. In his judgment, he also devoted himself to the question of whether the matter was *res judicata*.

From that judgment, the present appeal has been lodged. Mr Bernacchi (for the appellant) contending that the decision of the Board on the question of misconduct is not a final decision on that question binding on his client, and that it cannot therefore give rise to a plea of *res judicata*, and Mr Lonsdale (for the Attorney-General) contending that the Board's decision is final and binding on the parties and one, therefore, which is sufficient to found a plea of *res judicata*.

In the course of the hearing of the appeal, we intimated our doubts as to whether, in either view of the interpretation of the legislation, the question of *res judicata* arose and, on further consideration, we are of opinion that it does not.

On Mr Bernacchi's construction of the law, it is clearly excluded and on Mr Lonsdale's construction, the question is not a question of *res judicata* but a question of

whether the Legislature has or has not given the Board exclusive jurisdiction to decide the question of misconduct in connection with the dismissal of an officer. A plea of *res judicata* can only arise when more than one Court has jurisdiction to decide the particular issue, but the effect of Mr Lonsdale's construction would be that the law has declared that the Board, and only the Board, is to have power to pronounce on the question of misconduct and has given no appeal from its decision to the ordinary courts. (Compare *Spackman v. Plumstead District of Works*, 10 A.C. 229).

It is now necessary to consider which construction is the correct one. It is stated in Maxwell's 9th edition at page 303 that "if the subject is deprived of his right to resort to the Courts of Law of his country, it must be by express enactment and not by *by-law*."

The case of *Paul v. The Wheat Commission*, 1937 A.C. 139 is cited in favour of this proposition and we refer to the following passage in the judgment at page 153:

"Both Roche J. and all the learned Judges in the Court of Appeal unanimously found the *by-law* in question to be ultra vires of the Wheat Commission. They agree in affirming the principle that the subject cannot be deprived of his right to resort to the Courts of law of his country except by express enactment, and they find in the statute no words expressly ousting the jurisdiction of the Courts or expressly authorising the Wheat Commission to frame *by-laws* which shall have this effect."

We would refer also to the case of *Chester v. Bateson*, 1920 1 K.B. 829 in which the following passage appears in the judgment at page 833:

"The main question to be decided is whether the appointment of a workman so employed, and the regulation might have been so framed as to make this a good answer to the application for possession, still leaving that question to be decided by a Court of law. But the regulation, in so far as it purports to oust the jurisdiction of the Courts of law in regard to this matter, is, in our opinion, illegal. This might, of course, legally be done by Act of Parliament; but I think this extreme disability can be inflicted only by direct enactment of the Legislature. There is no power to invade the rights of the subjects without the sanction of the Legislature to be accomplished by a departmental order such as this one of the Minister of Munitions."

**"JEALOUSLY GUARDED"**  
These cases show how jealously the right of access to the ordinary courts is guarded in England, and it is noted that, in the second case, the Court was considering emergency legislation made in time of war when the people were called upon the more readily to make some sacrifice of their constitutional liberties.

Notwithstanding these decisions, the jurisdiction of the ordinary courts is not to be ousted by the regulations purporting to achieve this effect were entirely free from ambiguity and were consistent with the statute under which they were made. The regulations in this case are not free from ambiguity and are in fact inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance which expressly state that the verdict of the Board is to be binding as regards the issue of fact.

There are some features in the regulations which, it might be argued, give rise to an inference that the decision was intended to be binding and that, in other features which suggest an inference to the contrary, but at least it cannot be said that the provisions clearly create an exclusive jurisdiction in the Board.

Nor, in our opinion, are the regulations consistent with the Ordinance if they are taken as ousting the jurisdiction of the ordinary courts. If one construction would have the effect of making the regulations inconsistent, whereas another construction (that the jurisdiction of the ordinary courts is not ousted) makes them consistent, then, quite clearly, we should adopt the latter construction.

Now, there is nothing in section 12 of the Police Force Ordinance, 1932, which enables the law as laid down in section 16 of that Ordinance to be modified by regulations. Under section 16, it is clear that its provisions are to be the basis of dismissal, must be misconduct in fact which could be tested in the ordinary courts.

This being so, we are of opinion that any construction of the regulations involving the ousting of the jurisdiction of the ordinary courts would clearly make subsection (3) of the provisions of section 16 of the Interpretation Ordinance, 1911, sub-sections (2) & (3) of which provide as follows:

"(2) Regulations, both in this section and generally in this Ordinance, as well as in all other enactments, means regulations, rules and by-laws, not inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance under which they are made."

## Israel To Celebrate Christmas

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 21. — The Jewish State broadcasting station, "Kol Israel," will make a special Christmas broadcast from the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth.

The Church, according to tradition, was built on the site of the Jewish Synagogue, where Jesus used to pray.

A Jewish military spokesman said today that the Israeli Chief of Staff had ordered all unit commanders to grant a special Christmas leave of four days to all Christian volunteers in the ranks of the Israeli Army. They number between 70 and 80.

Special rations of meat, chicken, pork, white flour and sweets have been granted to Christian communities throughout Israel. The blackout and curfew restrictions in Arab towns are to be lifted and religious services held even in prisoner of war camps. It was stated.—Reuter.

## TRIBUNAL TESTIMONY

(Continued from Page 1)

Evidence showed that Sidney Stanley, stateless Pole and a key figure in the inquiry, had complete access to Belcher, and through Belcher to the Board of Trade.

The Tribunal would have to consider whether this access was one of the ways that Belcher found of repaying gifts received from Stanley. Commenting on Belcher's admitted embarrassment from time to time when he had no way to repay Stanley, the Attorney-General said: "The question the Tribunal will have to consider in this case is whether perhaps he found a way."

**OTHERS IN CASE**  
Sir Hartley said this of other leading figures in the case. Of Mr. George Gibson, Director of the Bank of England: "The Tribunal may feel that there is no evidence at all of any direct corruption, but on the other hand it might also be difficult to consider, and find greater difficulty in considering the question of whether by indirect association and conduct, Gibson lent himself to something like a confidence trick by Sidney Stanley."

Of Glenville Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury: "I ask the Tribunal to say that his involvement in this case is a matter which is no doubt a very grave misfortune for him, but for which he is in no way whatever to blame."

Of Charles Key, Minister of Works: "There was no evidence of any monetary transactions, or long friendship with the director of a firm which had applied for building licences. His friendship with Sidney Stanley might have been unfortunate, but whether the social friendships led to anything approaching corruption was a very different matter.—Reuter.

and includes rules of court. (3) All regulations shall, unless otherwise provided, come into operation on the day of their publication in the Gazette and shall have the same force and effect, shall be as binding and shall be construed for all purposes as if they had been contained in the Ordinance empowering them to be made in any enactment or in any legal document shall be construed as including the regulations in such reference."

As regards the effect of subsection (3) we were referred, on behalf of the Attorney-General, to the case of *Institute of Patent Agents v. Lockwood*, 1894 A.C. 347 and *Minister of Health v. Yaffe*, 1931 A.C. 405 which were cases on statutes containing a provision similar to that of subsection (3) of our Interpretation Ordinance.

**"NO POSSIBLE DOUBT"**  
But it is to be noted that the statutes referred to in those cases did not contain a provision similar to subsection (2) of section 40. It was contended on behalf of the Attorney-General that nevertheless the provisions of the Interpretation Ordinance ought to be construed on the principle laid down in the two English cases.

On the principle laid down in the two English cases, we are of opinion that a construction of the regulations in this case which would make them inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance under which they were made, would be bad but, be that as it may, the Interpretation Ordinance has left no possible doubt as to the principles to be applied.

The only regulations which are protected by subsection (3) are those referred to in subsection (2), i.e. those which are not inconsistent with the provisions of the Ordinance, and as we have said, the construction for which the Attorney-General contends in this case would make the regulations inconsistent.

It may be argued that this view of the meaning of subsection (2) of section 40 of the Interpretation Ordinance would make subsection (3) of no effect. We do not agree. Inconsistency is only one of the grounds on which the validity of regulations can be challenged.

For these reasons, we are of opinion that the regulations are of no effect. It is ordered that the plaintiff be at liberty to say that he was not guilty of misconduct as set out in paragraph 7 of the Statement of Claim.

## Five Men, Two Women On Serious Charges

The trial of five men and two women, arraigned on charges of armed robbery, possession of arms and ammunition and receiving stolen property, opened before Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The charges allege that a total of four robberies were carried out between August 23 and September 8, 1948 and the Crown submitted that they formed the backbone of the other charges in the indictment.

The accused are Yau Loi, alias Yau Kut-lee, 27, unemployed; Chan Tin-ping, alias Ko Lo-kwai, 30, street dealer; Chan Moon, alias Chan Yat, 23, travelling trader; Leung Sui-wah, alias Yin Chai, 21, vegetable gardener; Hung Yeung, alias Hung Fat, 21, travelling trader; Leung Koon-nin, 18, widow; and Leung Koon-mul, married woman.

Mr M. Heenan (Crown Counsel), assisted by Del-nip, C. Downman, is prosecuting. Accused were not legally represented.

The Jury empanelled comprised three men and four women.

### COMMON FEATURE

Opening for the Crown, Mr Heenan said that evidence would show that a total of four robberies were carried out between August 23 and September 8. It would also be shown that in all these four robberies, two or more persons were responsible and further that in all four cases at least one of the alleged robbers was armed with a revolver.

In addition, there was one feature common to all the robberies, Counsel said, and that was on each occasion, the robbers were by the robbers to tie up the inmates of the premises which were being robbed.

Two of the robberies took place in what Counsel described as "built-up" areas as opposed to village areas. In these robberies there was a common feature in both cases. Mr Heenan said. The robbers gained entry into the premises by intimating that they were from the Sanitary Department and indicating that they were on a routine tour of inspection.

Outlining the facts of the case, Counsel said that the first robbery took place about 9.30 p.m. on August 25 at an unnumbered hut in Ta Ku Ling village, Kowloon, where a widow and her son were robbed of HK\$5, a grey woolen jacket and three suits of clothing. In respect of the second robbery, the indictment charged Nos. 1, 2 and 5. Evidence in support, Counsel said, was that in answer to the charge, accused made statements which the Crown submitted were an admission of the offence. Further, in relation to this count, one of the articles stolen was found to be in the possession of accused No. 2 when he was arrested on September 10.

### SECOND ROBBERY

Referring to the second robbery which took place about 10 p.m. on the same night and in the same area, Mr Heenan said that a Chinese woman living in an unnumbered hut about 40 to 60 yards away from the hut which was robbed earlier in the night, was robbed of HK\$15 by two or more robbers. This count was against accused Nos. 2, 4 and 5.

Again, evidence would show that each of these accused, when charged with the commission of the robbery, made statements in answer to the charge, and in the view of the Crown they amounted to admission of guilt. Further, the robbery was committed under more or less similar circumstances as the first.

The third robbery occurred at No. 75 Fuk Wing Street on September 1. The crime was committed in the day time and at these premises \$150, a wrist watch and two gold rings were stolen. The robbery was carried out by two or more persons in which robbers made their appearance. Accused Nos. 4 and 5 were charged with this offence in the indictment.

### CLEARLY IDENTIFIED

Counsel said that the two accused were clearly identified as being two of the robbers. Further, the Crown submitted that statements made by them in answer to the charge, amounted to admission.

In regard to accused No. 5, there was further evidence in support of the charge against him, and that was, one of the gold rings which was stolen was found in his possession when arrested. Further, his finger prints were found on the furniture in the premises.

The fourth and last robbery took place on September 8 at No. 29 Tai Po Road. On this occasion the following property was stolen from various occupants in the premises: HK\$1,121, US\$30, 20, eight silver dollars and three gold finger rings. Accused Nos. 4 and 5 were charged on this count.

Mr Heenan said that statements made by the accused in answer to the charge, also, in the submission of the Crown, amounted to admission. Counsel next dealt at length with the charges of receiving stolen property part of the proceeds of the four robberies, alleged against accused Nos. 2, 6 and 7.

In regard to the charge of possession of arms and ammunition against the accused, Counsel said that when arrested together at an unnumbered hut in Shek Kip Mei village, the third accused pointed out to the Police the place where two revolvers and 10 rounds of ammunition were concealed. Counsel concluded that the arms and ammunition were discovered. Evidence would show that the revolvers were loaded when found and that both were capable of being fired. Counsel concluded that the arms and ammunition were discovered. Evidence would show that the revolvers were loaded when found and that both were capable of being fired. Counsel concluded that the arms and ammunition were discovered.

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No reports of the recapture of Jogjakarta had been received this afternoon by the Dutch authorities at The Hague.

Dutch forces have recaptured Kailurung, near Jogjakarta, where the United Nations Good Offices Committee had its headquarters, a Reuter despatch from Batavia said.

A Dutch military spokesman at The Hague said today that although the main military operations in Indonesia were not expected to take very long, he estimated that four to six months would be required to mop up the guerrillas. Reuter.

## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



That old bird's all mixed up—he said, I got your letter, little man, but I didn't write him any!











# WANTS MARSHALL AID TO DUTCH SCRUTINISED

## Indonesians To Fight On Says Envoy

New York, Dec. 21.—Dr D. Soemitro, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Indonesian Republic, told a New York press conference today that he had "firmly based" hopes that Marshall aid allotments to Holland "would be subject to close scrutiny to say the least."

He added that he had "reason to believe that some other Governments are also urging the United States to cut off aid."

He said the Republican Government would continue to operate from Sumatra and would stay in Indonesia as long as it held some territory.

Dr Soemitro added: "I wish to state that now the Dutch have in such a treacherous way abrogated the agreement signed under the auspices of the United Nations, we on our part will carry on as an independent and sovereign State."

## W. Europe First Line Of Defence

### JOINT MILITARY POTENTIAL

Brussels, Dec. 21.—Western Europe will be the first line of defence of the five signatories of the Brussels Pact—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, the Belgian Defence Minister, Colonel Raoul de Fraiteur, said tonight.

He told the Defence Committee of the Belgian Chamber of Deputies that this decision had been taken by the Permanent Military Committee set up under the Western Union Defence Committee.

The Committee, having decided that Western Europe would be a suitable area for a first line battle, had drawn up a plan for building up a joint military potential, including manpower and economic resources, Colonel de Fraiteur said.

**ARMAMENTS COMMITTEE**  
The Committee's decisions had been approved by the Defence Ministers of the five powers, the Minister added. They included the creation of a five-power Armaments Committee.

The Permanent Committee had also begun drawing up an inventory of war material held by the five powers.

The Minister said that Belgium was to have a "campaigning" force and a "home defence" force. The campaigning force would be in the event of war be placed under the Supreme Command. The home defence force would remain under Belgian orders.

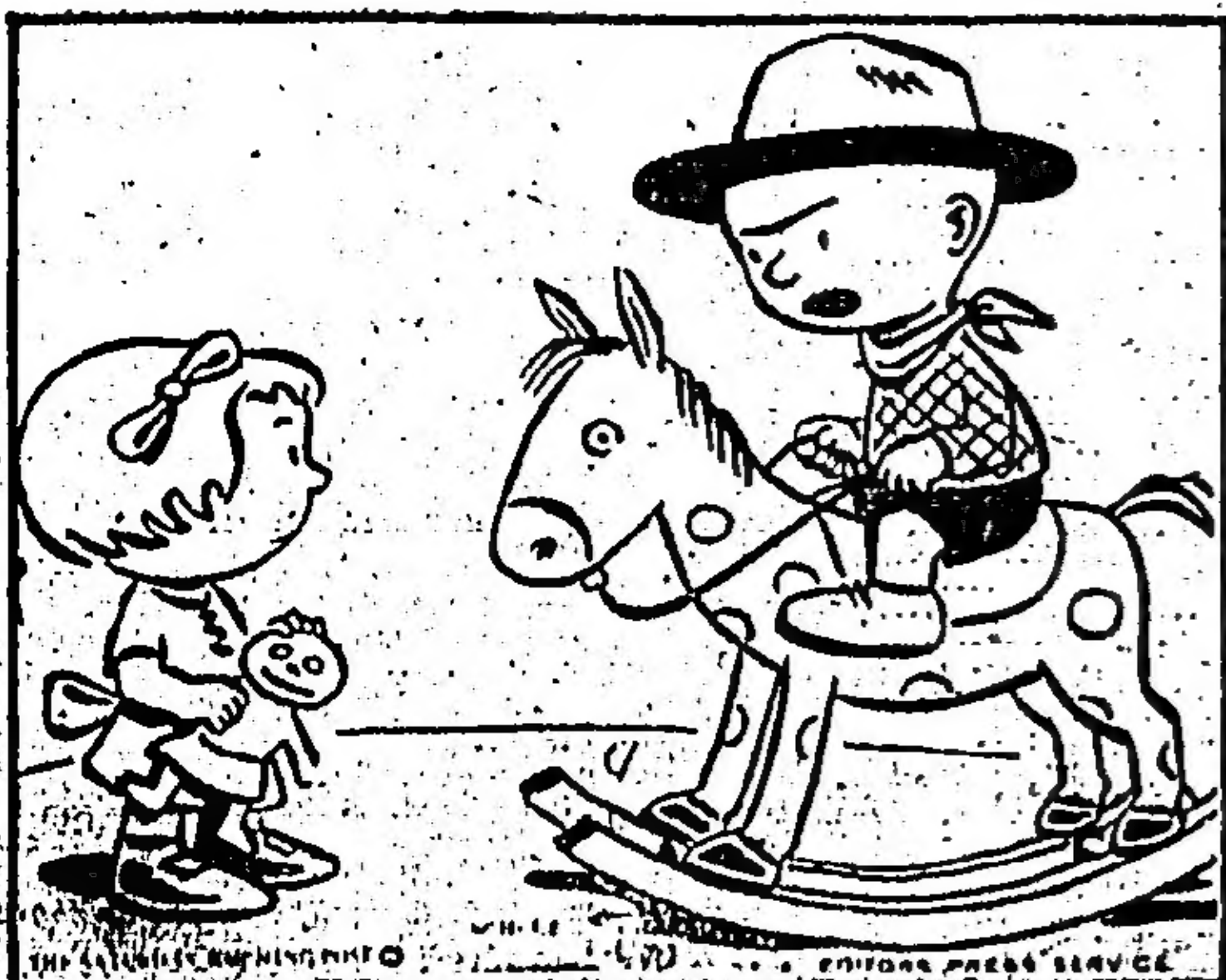
Belgium's contribution to military re-equipment would be the production of jet-propelled aircraft fuselages for which materials would come from Holland.

The five powers had agreed to establish a military base in the Belgian Congo. This would consist of an air training centre, an instructional centre for African aircraft mechanics and bases for units of the Belgian Army and Air Force engaged in exercises.—Reuter.

### Protection For Civilian Houses

Shanghai, Dec. 22.—General Tang En-po has issued an order prohibiting the occupation of civilian residences by Chinese Army personnel without permission from the high authorities, according to Chinese press reports.

The order of the Garrison Commander-in-Chief for the Shanghai and Nanking area followed the action of unruly soldiers in robbing the homes of foreigners and Chinese in the wayside district on Sunday night. General Tang said severe punishment, including death, will be meted out to those who infringe the order.—Reuter.



"Good grief, woman, get out of the way! Do you want to be trampled to death?"

### POCKET CARTOON



## DIMITROV ATTACKS TITO

### Urges Communists To Co-ordinate

Sofia, Dec. 21.—The Bulgarian Premier, M. Georgi Dimitrov, has called for closer co-ordination of the work of the Communist parties in all countries under Soviet leadership.

He told the Bulgarian Communist Party Congress here: "Our party sees in international collaboration with the great Stalin at its head the guarantee for the independent existence of our country and its advance towards Socialism."

M. Dimitrov said the weakness of the capitalist world and the assistance of the Soviet Union had made it possible for Bulgaria to achieve Socialism by popular democratic methods instead of working class dictatorship.

"The whole future of our people depends on the power of the Soviet Union and on the determination of our people if attacked by the capitalist powers to accomplish worthily their duty in the common struggle," he said.

### TITO'S "TREASON"

Speaking of Yugoslavia, whose Premier, Marshal Josip Tito, is at loggerheads with the Cominform, M. Dimitrov attacked the "bourgeois Chauvinist-Tito group," claiming it had sabotaged preparations for a South Slav Federation which would have brought Bulgarians and Yugoslavs together in a unity which had been a common ideal for centuries.

Bulgaria had been prepared to enter such a Federation since last September, he said.

In spite of the "treason" of the Tito leadership, he said: "We do not doubt the fidelity of the Yugoslav Communist Party to internationalism and to Marxism-Leninism."

He denounced alleged anti-Bulgarian propaganda in Greek and Yugoslav Macedonia. Bulgaria was convinced Macedonia would achieve national unity and become a free nation within a South Slav Union.

Bulgaria had no hostile intentions towards her neighbours but wanted to live in friendship and co-operation with all nations.

M. Dimitrov said the Communist Party in Bulgaria had grown from 25,000 members in September, 1944 to nearly half a million.—Associated Press.

### Lady Banting On Way To H.K.

Manila, Dec. 22.—Lady Banting, widow of the discoverer of insulin, Sir Frederick Banting, arrived in Manila on the British ship Rheconer, en route to Hongkong where she will join the staff of the Hongkong University medical school. The Rheconer is scheduled to proceed to Hongkong on Monday.

Lady Banting will teach obstetrics in Hongkong, where she expects to stay indefinitely. Her husband died in a plane accident over the Atlantic during the war, while serving with the Canadian armed forces.—United Press.

### COSTLY STRIKE

Rome, Dec. 21.—The 24-hour strike of Italy's civil servants and communications staff of 4,000,000 strong yesterday cost the State Railway Company 1,000 million lire, it was learned today.—Reuter.

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## Britain's Universities Overcrowded, Understaffed

London, Dec. 21.—British Universities are overcrowded and understaffed, their overworked teachers get too little pay.

These are the findings of a Committee appointed to report on University development from 1935 to 1947 as part of a government study of national educational needs.

Like most of Britain's other current troubles, the shortcomings of the Universities are largely attributed to the war.

They exist, the Committee said, despite the fact that University incomes have more than doubled in the 12 years covered by the report. Most of the money is provided by the government.

Most popular University courses since the war are in science and technology, the number of students in these studies almost doubling in two years.

**NO ACCOMMODATION**  
The Committee said that increased enrolment since the war has "in most Universities overwhelmed the existing accommodation and the shortage of teaching staff due to the intermission of training and recruitment during the war will only correct itself gradually."

"Unless additional accommodation can be speedily provided," it continued, "the present student numbers cannot be maintained without grave risk of impairing, not only academic standards which can be measured directly by examination results, but also those intangible elements which form so valuable a part of University life."

The report said there is need for "large increases in the numbers of academic staff," and emphasised the "imperative" need for an upward revision of salaries.—Associated Press.

## YUAN PROTESTS CONFISCATIONS

Nanking, Dec. 22.—The Legislative Yuan today adopted an emergency resolution protesting against what it called the "arbitrary confiscation" of gold bullion and foreign currency from evacuees to Canton and Taiwan.

Legislators demanded an explanation from the Executive Yuan why Shanghai customs officers had confiscated from evacuees bullion and currency exceeding two ounces of gold and US\$100.

They claimed that it was legal under the existing legislation for travellers in other parts of China to possess gold bars and foreign currency but illegal only to trade with them.—Reuter-AAP.

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These Lots are vacant land and are suitable for the building of shops and dwelling houses.

Lots 8, 9 and 10 are let on a monthly tenancy for the storage of motor trucks.

Notice to quit has been given to the tenant.

Lots 11-20.

Situate on the proposed extension of Sai Yeung Choi Street. The area of each Lot will be from 1100-1500 square feet with a depth of about 65 feet.

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